

Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay.

The original claims have been replaced with a set of claims complying with US practice and English usage.

It is noted that according to the invention the edge of the film is stretched, so that it is actually longer than the center of the film. This stretching is only applied to a thin strip along the outer edge and, according to the new claims, this thin strip is narrower than the width of the folded-up pocket-forming region. As a result the pockets will inherently and naturally hang open when the film is used to form a downwardly U-shaped tunnel. The open pockets are easily filled with liquid and or fluent sand or dirt.

Nothing in the art suggests such stretched edges being used to make pockets that gap open.

in US 3,698,131 of Kesinger, FIG. 2 shows a fully closed inflated chamber, not an upwardly open edge pocket. This is an altogether system from that of the instant invention. In fact the use of freon in this system, which gas would inherently be released

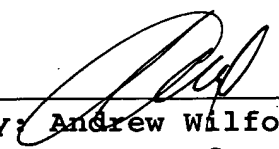
during the life of the product, would make it illegal to use nowadays.

In the packaging material of US 3,285,497 of Stillman the foils are all of the same length and lie flatly atop one another. No edge stretching is shown or suggested.

Thus all the claims in the case are clearly allowable over the cited art. Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

The specification could use some revision to place it in better compliance with US practice and English usage. Such revision will be undertaken when a claim is allowed.

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